

COMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMS
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Claims 1-2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): An electronic musical instrument comprising:

an operation panel that is operated by a user;

at least one connection terminal connectable with a keyboard originally designed for use in a computer, said keyboard having a plurality of keys or key regions;

a first connection interface for use as a MIDI interface;

a second connection interface for connecting said keyboard directly to said electronic musical instrument;

a first assigning device that assigns ~~functions that can be executed by operating said operation panel~~ function modules respectively to the keys or key regions of said keyboard connected via said connection terminal and said second connection interface;

a second assignment device that assigns characters, symbols, or numerical values respectively to the keys or key regions of said keyboard connected to said electronic musical instrument; and

an execution device that is responsive to operation of any of the keys or key regions of said keyboard, for executing ~~one of said functions~~ a function corresponding to one of the function modules assigned to the operated key or key region;

wherein said execution device causes the operated key or key region to input a character, a symbol, or a numerical value assigned to the operated key or key region ~~when a predetermined condition is satisfied, and~~

wherein when one of the function modules is assigned to the operated key or key region, said execution device causes the input character, the input symbol or the input numerical value to be delivered to the function module assigned to the operated key or key region.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (currently amended): An electronic musical instrument comprising:

- an operation panel that is operated by a user;
- at least one connection terminal connectable with a keyboard originally designed for use in a computer, said keyboard having a plurality of types of keys;
- a first connection interface for use as a MIDI interface;
- a second connection interface for connecting said keyboard directly to said electronic musical instrument;
- a first assigning device that assigns ~~functions that can be executed by operating said operation panel~~ function modules respectively to the types of keys of said keyboard connected via said connection terminal and said second connection interface;
- a second assignment device that assigns characters, symbols, or numerical value respectively to the types of keys of said keyboard connected to said electronic musical instrument; and
- an execution device that is responsive to operation of any of the types of keys of said keyboard, for executing ~~one of said functions~~ a function corresponding to one of the function modules assigned to the operated type of key;

wherein said execution device causes the operated type of key to input a character, a symbol, or a numerical value assigned to the operated type of key ~~when a predetermined condition is satisfied, and~~

wherein when one of the function modules is assigned to the operated type of key, said execution device causes the input character, the input symbol or the input numerical value to be delivered to the function module assigned to the operated type of key.

Claims 6-8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended): An electronic musical instrument comprising:

- a first electronic musical instrument originally designed for use in a computer, having a control section;
- an operation panel that is operated by a user;
- at least one connection terminal located on said electronic musical instrument for connection with a computer keyboard originally designed for use in a computer, said computer keyboard having a plurality of keys or key regions;
- a connection interface coupled to the terminal for connecting said computer keyboard directly to said electronic musical instrument;
- a first assigning device that assigns ~~functions that can be executed by operating said operation panel~~ function modules respectively to the keys or key regions of said computer keyboard connected via said connection terminal and said connection interface;
- a second assignment device that assigns characters, symbols, or numerical values respectively to the keys or key regions of said computer keyboard connected to said electronic musical instrument; and
- an execution device that is responsive to operation of any of the keys or key regions of said computer keyboard, for executing ~~one of said functions~~ a function corresponding to one of the function modules assigned to the operated key or key region;

wherein said execution device causes the operated key or key region to input a character, a symbol, or a numerical value assigned to the operated key or key region ~~when a predetermined condition is satisfied, and~~

wherein when one of the function modules is assigned to the operated key or key region, said execution device causes the input character, the input symbol or the input numerical value to be delivered to the function module assigned to the operated key or key region.

Claim 10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (currently amended): An electronic musical instrument comprising:

a first electronic musical instrument originally designed for use in a computer having a control section;

an operation panel that is operated by a user;

at least one connection terminal located on said electronic musical instrument for connection with a computer keyboard originally designed for use in a computer, said computer keyboard having a plurality of types of keys;

a connection interface coupled to the terminal for connecting said computer keyboard directly to said electronic musical instrument;

a first assigning device that assigns ~~functions that can be executed by operating said operation panel~~ function modules respectively to the types of keys of said computer keyboard connected via said connection terminal and said connection interface;

a second assignment device that assigns characters, symbols, or numerical values respectively to the types of keys of said computer keyboard connected to said electronic musical instrument; and

an execution device that is responsive to operation of any of the types of keys of said computer keyboard, for executing ~~one of said functions~~ a function corresponding to one of the function modules assigned to the operated type of key; and

wherein said execution device causes the operated type of key to input a character, a symbol, or a numerical value assigned to the operated type of key ~~when a predetermined condition is satisfied, and~~

wherein when one of the function modules is assigned to the operated type of key, said execution device causes the input character, the input symbol or the input numerical value to be delivered to the function module assigned to the operated type of key.

Claims 12-16 (canceled)